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By "WE"

The bowling elimination contest held last Tuesday evening at the Angelus Alleys, Los Angeles, was well attended and a variety of scores were turned in, the scores ranging from 88 to 188 pins per game. We hope to see more of these contests because the boys are improving in accuracy, form and it is hard to judge who are the best bowlers. Harry Heller of the tool room turned in highest average but we predict that he will be hard pushed to retain first place. Worthington, the engineering has good form and should be able to topple over plenty of wood as soon as he finds groove. Another elimination contest will be held on Tuesday evening at the same alleys.

These elimination contests have stirred up suggestions that the boys amongst the various departments and the challenges have been being thick and fast. Mickey, Owy and Todd have been hurling challenges at each other but so far actual contests have been few. Perhaps the first practice and Maxin that "words are better than deeds."

The girls held their first practice on the same night that the boys held theirs. They went in a huddle and held a more or less secret practice and we could faintly see them in the distance as they would sneak up to the foul line and gently drop the ball with a bang. It would slowly roll down the alleys and we held our breath on several occasions for fear that it wouldn't reach the pins. However, the girls did very well for the first practice and Miss McKenzie, Madden, Brown, Doheny and Price are to be congratulated on the initial attempt of the season.

Our foreign correspondent has been eavesdropping and relates that the girls are going to discard the high heeled slippers at the next contest. I wonder if they will play in their stocking feet. We have heard that the Misses Lewis, Harper, Horton, Pollock, Arbuckle, Powers, Severston, Keener, Buchena and Hobbs will be out for the next practice game.

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The Counties
(Continued)

Aqueduct Activity

When the mountain did not come to Mohammed, Mohammed went to the mountain. When enough water has not been available in Southern California, the counties have brought sufficient water into themselves. (See News Review, Aug. 26-Sept. 1.)

From the Colorado River is to come ample water to supply Southern California's need; diverted will be 3,000 cubic feet of water per second for the Metropolitan Water District (now including 11 communities who plan to tap Colorado River flow with a giant aqueduct). Apportioned to California has already been 4,400,000 acre feet of Colorado River water, as outlined in the Boulder Dam program.

Generally the prospective routes for the proposed aqueduct have already been surveyed. Engineering parties have studied the topography of area to the west of the Colorado River, noted mountain ranges, canyons, valleys, determined where best might be located the giant aqueduct.

Almost certain is it that San Bernardino will be the construction base for one of the world's most valuable sources of domestic water supply. Last week surveying parties, proposed routes well in mind, began making topographical maps of surrounding territory, working in Devil Canyon, north of San Bernardino, Day and Cucamonga Canyons, north of Edwanda, and other areas. Since all routes considered pass in or near San Bernardino, work was made by the City Board of Water Commissioners that municipally-owned lands be used free for establishment of a supply depot, construction base, storehouse for supplies. (See News Review, Sept. 2-8.)

Of four proposed routes, three enter San Bernardino Valley via Beaumont and Banning, skirting foothills in the east, north; the fourth comes through Cajon Pass, follows foothills to Fontana, and topographical maps now being made are completed, decision as to definite route will be forthcoming, water officials say.

Montecito Decides

Residents of Montecito—famed community of beautiful homes, wealthy residents, winding roads, forest-shadowed pathways—last week overwhelmingly refused (43 to 5) to permit a portion of the Coast Highway (from One Mile Road in an easterly direction for 1000 feet) to be rezoned from residential to business property.

This decision was made after County Planning Director L. Deming Hillon had read a petition signed by four property owners, at a meeting of Montecito residents in the Montecito Community Hall. Considerable discussion followed, Attorney Stuart Smith, representing Mrs. E. L. Olsen, declaring that in five years all of the Coast Highway through Montecito would have to be used for business purposes.

Wealthy resident Howard Chaffield Taylor questioned this statement, declaring such a change would ruin residential Montecito. Said he: "If too much business creeps in, it will mean the ruination of Montecito as a home community. Many of us would have to move out and away."

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"Condemned"

Parks—velvet-green, terraced, cement-walked, starred with pools, fountains, artificial lakes—become municipal property in many ways. Philanthropists leave estates to the city; councils purchase, set aside tracts; realtors, baiting buyers, plan subdivisions, designate park areas.

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Mysteriously, last month, earth in a certain area shook, moved, slid seven inches nearer the sea. The sixteen apartment houses and homes in this territory have been vacated; the "slide area" is closed off by a high fence.

Dangerous is this land for residential purposes; for a municipal park it might better be employed, its owners reasoned. This week they are preparing to submit a petition to the San Angeles City Council, asking that the 59 city lots which comprise the area, be condemned for a new city park. Former Superior Judge Leslie Hewitt retained to prepare the petition, act as legal adviser.

Disputed Water

Like energetic chicks sheltered under the spreading wings of the mother hen, many communities nestle close by the central City of Los Angeles. The City of the Angels permits them to "nestle" undisturbed, but draws a line when they verge on becoming parasites.

Water is now the subject of discord. The underground water flow of the San Fernando Valley Basin is being used by Glendale and Burbank for city and domestic use. (See News Review, Aug. 19-25).

This, declared Los Angeles Water and Power Bureau Counsel, W. B. Mathews, speaking last week before executives of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, is an infringement on the rights of Los Angeles; dating back to Spanish grants.

Unless Burbank and Glendale pay for water taken from the underground stream, may cut a course of action satisfactory to the Los Angeles Water and Power department, Los Angeles will take action against them, stated Counsel Mathews.

Pernicious among all weeds is the structure vine, penetrates to the inmost layer of rubber on automobile tires and halts the travelling tourist. Unwary cattle sometimes eat it and severely lacerate their tender stomachs, give themselves acute indigestion, pains, many times die.

Nefarious Vine

In Ontario and vicinity a war has been declared. Relentlessly the city officials have mobilized their forces, collected their ammunition for a fight against the puncture vine. Along the nearby roads last week with an oil spraying rig they sprayed miles of highway. Only a slight sprinkle of oil in the vine kills it. Many a sprinkle last week killed all the vines in sight.

The spraying rig had been pressed into service, did not belong to the County. Now officials at Ontario are in favor of a purchase by the County of some such apparatus to prevent further spreading of the nefarious weed.

At Montebello

At Montebello last week the City Council made a definite move toward the building of a city library building. Last June, bonds were voted to the amount of \$30,000 for the structure and stipulations were made that it would be built in Municipal Park. Last week the City Attorney was instructed to draw up a resolution appointing Jeffrey and Schaefer, of Los Angeles, architects.

Earlier in the week the municipal tax rates for the year were announced by the City Council. Increasing 2 cents over last year's figure, due to the aforementioned land tax rate, the tax rate is set at \$1.00 per \$100. The library cost actually put the rate up 3 cents, but after careful study officials were able to reduce other bonds 1 cent.

At the Montebello American Legion Post election, one Ted Bowers was elected commander and will be installed at a banquet, October 15.

Bottle Neck

At last is Pasadena's "bottle neck" to be removed. The narrow section of seven blocks in Pasadena's center, sufficiently wide for the four-block segment from Colorado Street has for many years hindered development in the heart of the business district, created many traffic jams. By cutting off thirteen feet from the north side of the four-block segment from Orange Grove Avenue to Delacy Street, the street has already been partially widened.

Action taken last week made a certain widening of three additional blocks from Delacy Street to Broadway. When the project, which was started more than ten years ago, is finished, the thoroughfare will be 100 feet wide through the entire downtown section.

Elimination of the "bottle neck" has necessitated the wrecking or moving of more than fifty store and office buildings. Those that were built after the project was begun were set back in expectancy of the altered building line. Newest methods have been employed, several buildings being cut completely in half, sections cut out, cemented back together.

Thriving Ports

Steadily climbing every year are the values of imports of thriving Southern California ports. The greatest gain in many years, however, is the one of last month over August, 1928.

In monthly figures compiled by Collector of Customs Schwabe, a gain of over \$1,000,000 was shown; figures for August, 1928, and last month were \$4,312,720 and \$5,202,900 respectively.

Included in this computation are

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San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles (San Pedro), and Santa Barbara harbors.

A considerable increase was also noted in exports; comparison of the two years showed a jump from

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 Girls, \$356.54; Boys, \$223.52.
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\$12,380,892 to \$12,574,751. Shipments to Hawaii alone were valued at \$225,000 for the last month; those to Alaska at \$63,734.

Customs collections for last month mounted to the figure of \$307,826, as compared to \$645,898 the year before.

Prospects of a still greater increase next year are bright if the plans to build a harbor at Ventura are successful. The location for the new project is at Huemene; it is the heart of the county's beach district and is a landlocked natural harbor.

Also is the city of Venice planning for the development of a city port to accommodate local importing and exporting. The cost of the project has not yet been estimated but it is probable that it will not be quite so expensive as the price of the Ventura Harbor, which is to cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Catastrophe

General Devastation

Southern California, happy, tranquil, untroubled, endowed with nature's most favorable gifts, was last week beset by nature's fiercest element, consuming fire. Through many a proud forest land swept the greedy demon licking up the State's resources. Forest territory, the southern part of the State flames destroyed many a brush-land, watered, oil-field, dwelling, rendered many homeless. Not for some time has devastation been so general.

While sweating men fought the fires and anxious public worried over what might happen, Nature, controller of the State's destiny, intervened. When fighters were at their strength's and wit's ends, showers, damped the flames in most districts, allowing workers to stamp them out almost completely.

The following are the districts visited by the Red Destroyer: Ventura, Santa Paula. Over the mountains between these two cities swept a fire which destroyed 25,000 acres and did \$3,000,000 worth of damage. More than 20 oil derricks, 300 homes and scores of ranch buildings were destroyed in the Santa Paula and Ojai districts and in picturesque Sulphur Mountain district. Many an asphalt road in the stricken area was melted into uselessness. Ashes throughout the fire area fell from above like snow.

Cause of the fire: A high voltage line in the vicinity of Santa Paula Mineral Springs broke, fell into thick brush which immediately flamed up like dry tinder. Before the fire could be combated, the slopes of Sulphur Mountain were ablaze; soon they had reached points three miles from Ventura, two miles from Santa Paula, one mile from Ojai.

Riverside. Along the once beautiful Hemet-Idyllwild high-gear road swept another fire. It was aided by a strong wind which swept out of Cajon Pass, strewn with sand, endangering highway. Sweeping up the San Jacinto Mountains the fire did irreparable damage, but did not reach the high timber around Mount San

Jacinto. A blackened, wasted area

smolders between Hemet and Temecula. A smaller fire was also reported near Sage, but did not last long. Excellent work on the part of forest rangers and other fighters prevented worse damage.

Cause: Dist. Atty. Ford arrested Cattleman Pete Spadoni of Sage, charged him with deliberately starting the fire which swept the surrounding country. Witnesses said they saw Spadoni light the brush.

Covina. Every available man in a fire which started in the Puente Hills and burned southeast through a canyon and threatening the new home of Ellen Beach Yaw, composer, and several other costly residences. It gained impetus north of the State Narcotic Hospital at Spadra, destroying approximately 500 acres.

Anaheim. A brief but effective sweep of base near Anaheim swept over 2000 acres of grazing and farm lands in the Santa Ana Canyon. Over a seven-mile stretch the flames crept within 400 yards of the palatial Bryant mansion on the north side of the Santa Ana River, just south of Corona. Also threatened were the towns of Peralta and Villa Park. Vigilant work of the fire fighters and a generous rainfall finally quelled the fire. Cause: Unknown.

Hollywood. Many a stately hillside home was swept by a spectacular brush fire which swept a high tract between Calhoun Pass and Mulholland Dam north of the Pilgrimage Play theater. During an intensive three-hour battle, twelve firemen were overcome, 150 acres were razed, one lowly hermit's shack was destroyed. It was near this hermit's shack that the fire was first discovered. The cause was being investigated last week.

San Dimas. Near San Dimas a fire raged and burned 1500 acres in the San Jose Hills. This fire also endangered the State Narcotic Home at Spadra, causing a near riot among the inmates. The fire caused great damage to the Edison power lines and telephone poles, and came dangerously near the famed Kellogg Arabian horse ranch. Five hundred fighters finally brought the fire under control.

Cause: M. J. Ryan, civil engineer in the employ of the Los Angeles Water and Power Bureau, was arrested on suspicion of having caused the fire. He and other engineers were surveying the hills and they were smoking in violation of fire regulations.

San Diego. A swift east wind in central San Diego County took a fire of brush and timber and increased it to great proportions, driving it up toward the Sutherland dam site, threatening the Cleveland National Forest territory, taxing the efforts of more than 150 County and Federal fire fighters. Down a canyon just north of Ramona it went. Hundreds of tons of baled hay were destroyed. Also many a home, buildings, lumber piles. Rain aided the fighters in finally stamping out the flames.

Santa Maria. A grass and brush fire in this locality seriously threatened the farm houses, ranches and Santa Maria waterholes in the Santa Barbara National Forest, in the Cuyama Valley. After approximately 10,000 acres of lands were burned, the fire was brought to the forest.

Woody (Kern). Here in the northern part of Kern County broke out a fire which, spurred on by a high wind, threatened to sweep into the timberland mountain region. Splendid work on the part of resident fighters and road crews brought it under control. Over eighty acres had been burned.

Tailspin Death

Independence Day in Mexico (Sept. 16) is not unlike America's 4th of July. Patriotism runs rampant, thousands attire themselves in their Sunday best, fervent speeches are made, flags are waved. This year a volunteer exhibition of aerial acrobatics was added to the thirty-third anniversary.

Imperial Valley State traffic officer, was one of the volunteer aviators. Through the air his Mohawk Pinto monoplane zoomed high, swooped low while thousands applauded. Suddenly the plane went into a tailspin; its pilot lost control. To utter demoralization in a flower garden two blocks from the patriotic festivities crashed the plane. Aviator Clark died instantly.

Formerly a member of the Calaveras police force, of the motorcycle squad at Coronado, Clark had when he began making regular flights from the Imperial County Airport.

Conventions

Indian Oldsters

While late-Victorians sophtisticates were frowning faintly on the "gay, naughty mimetics", doughty deeds were being done by soldiers and scouts as they braved western wilderness in pursuit of marauding Indians.

Mauve though the decade (1890-1900) may have been in the world's social, literary, artistic centers, a vivid scarlet was its hue over the mountains and plains of the western frontier.

Stirring incidents of these Indian Wars were graphically described when United Indian War Veterans gathered in Los Angeles last week for their first annual convention. Veterans, battle-scarred, white-haired, recalled earlier associations swapped exciting yarns, reminisced of wounds received, blows struck.

Youngest of the veterans was South Pasadena's Charles Kaysing. Yersely he told of the battle of Wounded Knee in 1890, when hand-to-hand the Seventh United States Cavalry fought 32,000 Sioux Indians. Stones attached to hickory clubs bruised many a soldier's skull.

Oldest of the veterans was 101-year-old William Taylor, much-lamented frontiersman of Indian-fighting days. An Indian war dance he did last week to prove that added years had not deprived him of his one-time vigor.

Los Angeles Retiring Commander Horace B. Mulkey was succeeded by Santa Barbara's Charles M. Woolley. This and other business attended to, veterans held fiddlers' contests, Indian war dances, campfires; visited Los Angeles, Hollywood, Sawtelle, Santa Monica.

Better Business

For fifteen years the Better Business Bureaus of the major cities of the United States and Canada have been meeting annually to discuss methods of making advertising truthful, methods of protecting consumers from unscrupulous merchants. For its 1929 meeting, the association of Better Business bureaus chose the Hotel del Coronado, at San Diego.

For six days last week delegates attended conferences, listened to special reports of bureau secretaries. For recreation they banqueted, fanned, swam, golfed, went sight-seeing. Two especially charged trains brought delegates to San Diego. Others arrived by automobile, by boat.

Religion

Methodist Conference

This week 400 Methodist ministers and hundreds of lay delegates are attending the fifty-fourth session of the Southern California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Long Beach, in the Grace Methodist Church. Represented are 306 Southern California churches, and membership totalling nearly 100,000. Chicago's Bishop, Dr. Edwin Holt Hughes, is presiding.

Convention keynote: Revival of "the old-time Methodist zeal." Bishop Hughes and others will sound the clarion call.

To Rome

Congratulatory will be the benign smile of Pope Pius next month when he welcomes, at the Vatican, Bishop John J. Cantwell, bishop for the Catholic diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego.

Before Bishop Cantwell departed for Rome last week, he surveyed his activities during the past ten years, found that there was much to please the Pope. When Bishop Cantwell arrived in Southern California from San Francisco ten years ago, the diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego included 118,000 communicants, 68 parishes. Today he represents 298,000 communicants, 195 parishes, 103 missions and stations. Even as that of Southern California, lusty has been the growth of the Bishop's diocese.

Five years elapse between the regular journeys of American bishops to the Holy See. It was Bishop Cantwell's second trip to Rome since he came to Southern California.

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